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TNA PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The summer is over so the fall coin season has begun. I encourage each of you to attend as many shows as possible. Along with your local coin clubs and dealers, shows are the best place to meet collectors with interests similar to your own. I have begun and renewed many enduring friendships at coin shows. It's an opportunity not to be missed. Also, you may find that particular or peculiar item that's been eluding you for so long.

The TNA web site has been updated by Mike Grant. Take a look. There's been a few problems accessing the new site. If you can't reach it at www.tna.org, please let Mike Grant or myself know so we can correct the problem.

I often wonder what particular pleasure motivated people to collect coins. Is it knowledge? Is it rarity? Is it the beauty of the metallic art? Is it for profit? I believe the answer is as varied as the people who collect. Today, as I'm writing this, I'm experiencing one of the facets of collecting I enjoy the most. Allow me to explain. I have been looking for a particular coin for about ten years. It comes in choice BU or relatively low grade, nothing in between. A couple of years ago I had the opportunity to acquire this particular coin. This week I learned a high grade example is available. Next week I'll get to see the coin. Meanwhile, I'm wondering. Will it be everything I hope it will be? Maybe it will, maybe it won't. Will it be priced reasonable? Maybe it will, maybe it won't. Will I buy it? Maybe I will, maybe I won't. But regardless of the end result, I will have enjoyed for a full week the anticipation of the possibilities. Anticipation to me is one of the underrated pleasures of collecting. Many times over the next week before I see this coin, I'll think about how it might look, its unique history, how it might add to my collection, how it might be a vehicle to share knowledge with other collectors and those thoughts and the pleasure derived from them are mine forever at no cost. And, if I don't buy the coin? Well, I'll anticipate the next time one might become available and the process repeats itself. I believe anticipation is truly one of the greatest pleasures collectors experience. It's what keeps us going to show after show, searching junk box after junk box. Were each anticipating finding that particular item, that's special to us, whether it's a bargain, an unusually elusive item, a piece of historical collateral material, filling a hole in an album or something else, it's the anticipation that we may find what we're looking for that keeps us going. I hope each of you enjoy and savor the anticipation as much as I do and good luck in your search.

Sincerely,

Kirk Menzies

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Barbara Lowell

Welcome to members #6041-6050 The following have applied for membership If approved, they will become members November 1, 1997

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A Few Words From The Editor Mike Grant

The TNA has some wonderful things going on. We have a very nice Home Page on the Internet, this is a very professional set up and I would like everyone to take advantage of it. This page will be changed once every month or two as new items come in.

I also have a new internet address, it is a long one so keep this page for future reference: www.MPG4TNA@worldnet.att.net. I also have a fax number if you would like to fax something to me: (817) 496-2390. This is in my computer so you need to call me first to make sure the computer is turned on, or I am not on it. Call me at (817) 496-2388. As you know we now have an Arlington PO Box, listed on the front cover.

The Coins for A's program has some new people in charge of it and they are certainly on top of things. The board of directors will meet them at the September meeting in Austin. I understand they have been corresponding with a number of people already. Please feel free to write or call them anytime of the day. Jim & Barbara Medford, 815 Waggoner Dr., Arlington, TX 76013, (817) 274-3965.

You should know, the new Mac Kennedy memorial award given to Mr. Luke was the brain child of our past President Joe Olson. Mr. Olson also is funding this award completely. Many thanks to Joe for this donation to the TNA in the memory of Mac Kennedy.

Sincerely,

Mike Grant

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COINS FOR A'S

Almost before we are able to begin on the program, we have received a donation to the Coins for A's Program! In the mail the day this report was being prepared for The TNA News, was a check for \$50 to be used as we saw fit. This donation has been sent to us by the Red River Coin Club which includes, among other cities, Wichita Falls, Seymour, and Iowa Park. It is in memory of Red River Coin Club member Bill McCue who passed away recently while vacationing in North Dakota. We wish to extend our sympathy to his family, and a large "thank you" to the Red River Coin Club members for thinking of Coins for A's as a memorial. We will try to make the most worthwhile use we can of the funds.

While we are thanking people, we would like to thank Ken Horn of Amarillo, TNA District 11 Governor, Ray Whyborn of Amarillo, TNA District 13 Governor, and Nela Runkle of the Golden Spread Coin Club in Amarillo, all of whom have written us offering their support for the Coins for A's program and suggestions for further improvement. We would welcome correspondence from anyone with complaints, compliments of ideas. Most especially, if you or a young person you know about has been disappointed by the response they have received from the Coins for A's program in the past, please send us their names and addresses. We will be in touch with them immediately, and send them a self-addressed, stamped postcard they can send back letting us know what the problem was. If it is in our power, we will see to it they are taken care of, and try to avoid such problems in the future.

Since the program is still in transition, we have no report for this issue of the TNA News on inventory or requests, but as soon as we know what we have and what we need, we will be publishing that information. Our plan is to keep everyone in TNA posted on how many students we are serving, who is helping us out, and what we see as our obstacles and opportunities. We are considering some possible changes that might help the program to work a little better, such as special coin mailers, and would be glad to hear from anyone who has had some experience along those lines and would be willing to share what they learned. Our goal is that once we are up and running, every young person will receive a response from us within a week of the time we hear from them. We may not always make that, but we will be trying, and we want to thank everyone for their patience and continued support.

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Denton County Draft Scrip by Frank Clark

Over 90 counties in Texas issued scrip during the Civil War. These were usually receivable for all county dues or payable in Confederate paper. There are several variations on the payable theme depending upon which county issued the scrip. Most of the scrip is dated during the years 1862 or 1863. The names of the printers of most of these scrip notes are not present on the notes themselves, but we know that many of them were produced by a newspaper office in the community. Some of the scrip has been printed on the back of fiscal paper. This class of scrip can be described as "very rare" for most, if not all, Texas counties that issued it.

Denton County issued scrip in 50 cents, \$1, \$2, and \$3 denominations. The 50 cents and \$2 denominations are not listed in any reference books, but they are known to exist in a private collection.

After many years of searching, I was able to locate a \$1 Denton County Draft with very strong signatures which is illustrated in this article. The signatures are those of S. A. Venters as County Clerk, and J. M. Blount as Chief Justice.

S. A. Venters was born on June 27, 1822 and was one of the founders of Denton County. He arrived in the area in the mid 1840's. Denton became a county in 1846. Venters was elected to the position of County Clerk in 1848 and served many terms. In 1851 he was appointed postmaster at New Alton, then the county seat. In 1874 he was elected to the State Legislature to represent Denton County. He was also a member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge. Venters was much admired by those who knew him; he died in Denton on March 12, 1881.

J. M. Blount settled in the town of Denton in 1857. He had moved from Mississippi when he was 34 years old. He assisted in the laying out of the town of Denton as soon as he arrived. Soon thereafter the county seat was moved from Alton to Denton. Blount was one of Denton's first businessmen and engaged in the sale of goods for many years. He was elected to the post of county judge (Chief Justice) and served several terms. He was elected to the Texas Senate in 1866. Blount and the rest of Governor Throckmorton's administration was removed by the Federal Government due to the policies of Reconstruction. Blount was later elected to several other city and county offices. He was a Royal Arch Mason and a member of the Baptist Church. He did much to build and improve the city and county of Denton and was recognized as one of the county's outstanding citizens. His wife, Sofia, died in 1869. Blount died on February 22, 1889.

The reference books I consulted do not refer to the backs of the Denton County Draft. When I obtained my example, I was delighted to find that it was printed on unused check stock originally printed by Danforth & Hilly of New

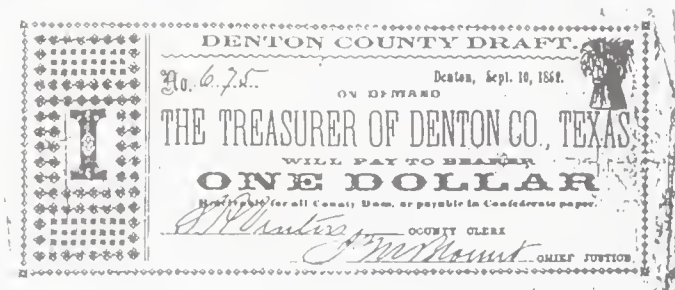
York and Philadelphia. Their imprint is on the back of the scrip as part of the check design. Danforth & Huffy operated from 1847 to 1850, when it became involved in several mergers which culminated in the establishment of the American Bank Note Company in 1858.

The face of the scrip was printed in such a manner that produced an "inverted back." As can be seen in the illustration, the check stock contained a vignette of a steam ship with full sails churning through rough waters. To me, the presence of this contemporary vignette, and the fact that the scrip was printed on an unused check adds greatly to the history of this rare piece.

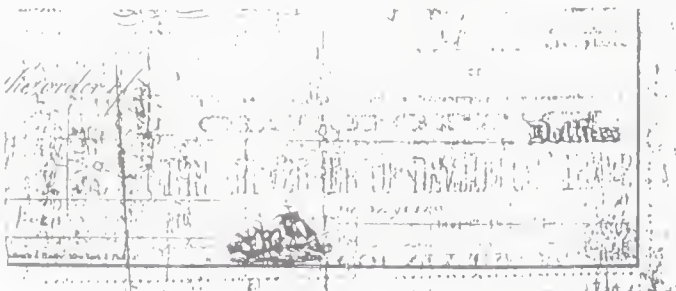
I was very happy to obtain an example of Denton County scrip, and enjoyed researching the history behind its issuance. Even though ownership of it and my research has enlightened me in several aspects, there remain many unanswered questions about these financial instruments.

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Front of the Denton County Draft, showing signatures of S. A. Veners and J. M. Blount.



Back of the unused check stock, showing unused check stock with a vignette along with a portion of the Danforth & Huffy imprint.

Cameo Proof Coins

by E.L. (Bob) Bills

After collecting coins for sixty six (66) years, I have finally devised a way to describe them in a way that a beginner to the hobby can understand. Almost no grading expert, none of the books I have or the grading services even start to explain how a coin can be worth much more than another in this area of CAMEO PROOF COINS before 1971.

Val Webb in his book does begin to address the problem, but his comments are with the coins from 1950 to 1964.

I would like to go back to the beginning of PROOF COINS and establish a way of standard descriptions that would apply to coins from any country from 1800 to say 1973, when the mint began making all coins struck in PROOF as CAMEO'S. My system does not address grade. It only pertains to when the coin came off a new die. Grading then should be after the coin has been classified as a CAMEO. You must understand first that a PROOF coin dated 1898 or 1936 or 1963 all have the same thing in common, they are PROOFS. They may be CAMEO but are most likely not CAMEO at all. My conclusions are that we really have no system to rate these proofs. To start we must establish some sort of rate. Mine is as follows:

CAMEO I - A PROOF COIN that is totally white or frosted on all devices, legends, dates and on the entire raised portion of the coin surface with no fade spots in the deepest recesses of the coin. Normally this will be only the first 1 through 5 coins struck from a new or repolished die. (More on repolished die dates)

CAMEO II - A PROOF COIN that is heavy CAMEO frosted, but begins to show fade spots, but only in the deepest crevices of the upraised designs on the coin. Normally this will be only the coins number 6 through 15 struck from a new or repolished die.

CAMEO III - A PROOF COIN that is heavy frosted, but shows fade all across the valleys in the design of the coin. This coin is usually the one struck from a new or repolished die and would number 16 through 30.

CAMEO IV - A PROOF COIN that is lightly CAMEO showing some frosting but only on the highest spots. This coin usually would number 31 through number 50, struck from a new or repolished die.

CAMEO V - A typical PROOF COIN with little or no CAMEO frosting. Just a typical PROOF, normally found at any coin show.

NEW DIE One that has been manufactured and has never been used to strike a coin

REPOLISHED DIE One that has been used to strike many coins and has been repaired to be used again to strike coins

GRADING Should be based on any **PROOF**, only after the **CAMEO** contrast has been established. Frost break, die scratches, spots, hair lines and damage are easy to determine a coin's value. I often find coins that are **PROOF CAMEO I**, that are priced as MS 66 or MS 67 white, that should be carefully examined by any potential purchaser as to the true **CAMEO** contrast. Most true full frosty **CAMEO I**, are extremely rare and are priced much lower than they should be if beauty and rarity are considered as a criteria to value.

I realize the many grades that can be numbered by this method, but I have been getting lots of bargains by using this **CAMEO** contrast first eliminating most **PROOFS**.

I have found **PROOF CAMEO** values to be as follows

- #5 A typical **PROOF COIN** grey sheet Bid to Ask for the grade
- #4 One and one half times the value of a #5
- #3 Double the #4 value
- #2 Double the #3 value
- #1 Double to triple the #2 value

Never forget the grade MS 60 through 67. Start with that to establish a value, only after the **CAMEO** contrast is determined. I would not recommend any grade that is less than MS 63. Not all coins will fit neatly into these **CAMEO** contrast categories, as you will learn, nickel is harder than copper or silver. Hardness does effect the life of a die, so adjust your **CAMEO** contrast accordingly, but if you start now, maybe you will find that next **CAMEO** contrast I coin that grades MS 67 or 68 before I do. Good hunting, enjoy the hobby and say hello the next time we meet. Maybe we will have a beautiful coin to discuss for a few hours.

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Statement Of Income & Expenses
For The Period 8/1/97 - 8/31/97
Joe Olson - Treasurer

	<u>Actual \$</u>	<u>Percent %</u>
INCOME:		
Membership Dues	165 00	34 2
Medal Sales	61 75	12 8
Mac Kennedy Memorial	100 00	20 7
Interest Income	155 43	32 2
Total Income	482.18	100.0
EXPENSES:		
Office of the Medals Officer	7 08	1 5
Office of Editor-Printing	957 65	98 5
Total Expenses	964.73	100.0
Net Operating Income (Loss)	(482.55)	

Balance Sheet
August 31, 1997

CURRENT ASSETS:	
Hill Country Bank	1,291 19
Clear Lake Nat'l Bank	17,746 10
Coins for A's Fund	598 31
ANA Jr Seminar Fund	1 268 25
Memorial Library Fund	707 58
CD-Life Member Fund	11,218 33
CD	10,775 75
Total Current Assets	<u>43,605.51</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY:	
Unrestricted Fund Balance	35,678 30
Net Income (loss)	7,309 21
Total Equity	<u>42,987.51</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>42,987.51</u>

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

This association is a non profit educational and scientific organization founded in January 1960. It is purely a mutual association, founded for the benefit of its members.

The TNA invites to membership all worthy persons who are at least nine years of age. Coin Clubs, Schools, Libraries, Museums, and kindred organizations who have a sincere interest in the collecting and study of coins, paper money, tokens, medals and related items are welcome.

PURPOSES

To promote and advance interest and comprehensive knowledge of numismatics; to cultivate friendly relations among fellow collectors; to hold periodic meetings and exhibits; to provide a place and time to buy, sell, and trade numismatic items; to serve its members collectively, not individually.

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OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

Each Regular, Junior and Chapter member receives the TNA News for no additional cost. Insofar as possible, this media will keep you informed about your association, and the individual and chapter members. It carries timely articles and features. Its pages are free to all members, to express their views and to contribute articles for the advancement of numismatics. Those seeking information may ask for help through the pages of TNA News. Those having items for sale or trade may advertise for a nominal sum. TNA News is the voice of TNA.

CONVENTIONS

TNA will meet in annual convention. Members are entitled to a voice at the conventions. The business sessions are devoted to the procedures necessary to the operation of your state association. Entertainment and time for renewal of friendships is an important part of the conventions.

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Regular members are at least 18 years of age. Associate members are at least 18 and a member of the immediate family of a regular member. Junior members are 9 to 18 years of age. Chapter members are those organizations as listed on the previous page

APPLICATION

Applicants for membership must be proposed for membership by a TNA member who signs the application form together with and additional person known as a Voucher. A Voucher for an applicant for Regular membership should be an adult of reputable character who knows the applicant. A Voucher for an applicant for Junior membership must be a parent or guardian of the applicant. Applications for Chapter Membership should be signed by the president. Such other information as required on the application form should be given.

Chapter membership applicant should furnish this additional information:

1. Names and addresses of officers
2. Name and address of TNA Representative
3. Mailing address
4. Meeting date, time and place

APPLICANTS

Names of applicants are published in the TNA News. If no objections are received within 20 days after date of publication, applicant is admitted to membership. Membership card is sent with notification of admission. The official publication will be mailed to eligible applicants.

DUES

Regular & Chapter	\$ 15.00
Junior	\$ 7.00
Associate	\$ 6.00
Life	\$250.00

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION INC

I herewith apply for membership in the Texas Numismatic Association, subject to the association's Constitution and By Laws, and tender \$_____ for dues

Date _____

Mr. Mrs. Miss _____

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9 to 18 yrs of age _____ 18 or over _____ ANA# _____

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And now, as he looked and saw the whole Hellespont covered with the vessels of his fleet and all the shore and every plain about Abydos as full as possible of men, Xerxes congratulated himself upon his good fortune; but after a little while he wept. His uncle Artabannus, who was with him at the time, asked about this strange expression of contradictory feelings. "I was thinking," Xerxes replied, "and it came into my mind how pitifully short human life is."

Herodotus VII, 45-46

This moment in history described by the ancient historian Herodotus was perhaps one of the greatest military undertakings in history given the current technology. The accounts relate that the great Persian King Xerxes amassed an army of 1,700,000 men for his invasion of Greece in 480 BC. An entire city was needed to feed the army just two meals, and an entire river ran dry when they drank. And huge quantities of silver coins were struck to finance the massive military payroll and all the expenses of huge military operations. The Hellespont was the water way at least a mile wide connecting the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea and separating Europe from Asia Minor. In order to move his vast army Xerxes commanded his engineers, mostly Phoenicians and Egyptians, to build a bridge. To do this 674 ships were tied together in a double row and planks were laid over the decks. The planks were covered with brushwood and dirt to create a road. Xerxes invaded Greece and very nearly succeeded in conquering the civilized world.

As the Persians moved through northern Greece they were met at the pass of Thermopylae where the 300 Spartans led by Leonidas fought to the last man, and successfully delayed the Persian advance long enough for the Greek cities to prepare. Although Xerxes captured Athens, the Athenians had fled with their fleet to the nearby island of Salamis where the Persian fleet was defeated by the more experienced Athenian navy. The army of the allied Greek city-states, led by Spartans, was able to defeat the Persian army at Plataea in 479 BC, and effectively ended Xerxes attempted conquest of Greece.

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Gary Hill receiving the award for best of show from Ralph Ross for his exhibit Philippine Military Currency





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TEXAS

District Meetings



DISTRICT I

Mid-Cities Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The June meeting had 29 members and guest show up. The club received a notice from the Key City Coin Club about their upcoming show on Sat Oct 11th in Abilene. The TNA show held in Houston had a number of exciting news events. Gary Hill was voted 2nd Vice President for the TNA, and show coordinator for the 1998 TNA show. Gary had two exhibits and won 2nd place for "The Admission Tickets for the 1893 Columbian Exposition", and 1st Place and Best of Show for "Philippine Negroes Island 7th Military District". Mike Grant was named into the TNA Hall of Fame. Gary Andrews obtained a supply of penny boards from the PNG. Members may request these to give away to youngsters. The June program was the second half of the video "Secrets of Making Money". Debbie Williams volunteered to be the club librarian. The topic of the July meeting will be the club picnic in August. The educational program for July is "Errors and Varieties".

The August 5th picnic was a lot of fun. The club met at the same location but we put a barbecue grill outside and cooked hot dogs. A lot of people brought food, and everyone had a great time indoors, too hot outside! There were 37 members and guests present. The Sept. program is the video on "Grading Mint State Coins". The 1998 Red Book is now out and available for those that want one. The only thing missing is that there will not be a spiral bound book like the 1997 issue. On the internet is a article about Coin Market Slang with a list of definitions. A couple of examples are "Carbon-free, What caffeine-free is to coffee, carbon-free is to coins. California Special, An artificially enhanced coin, these surfaced in the 1970's. The Plano Coin Show is Sept. 5-7.

The Mid-Cities Coin Club meets the 1st Tuesday of each month, at the California Lane Church of Christ in Arlington, at 6:30pm.

--Bob Millard, Corresponding Secretary

Fort Worth Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The July picnic at the Sloenn's house was a big success. The evening was topped off by fireworks compliments of the Botanical Gardens. Russell Prinzinger has discovered a few unlisted varieties of seated halves and will write an article on them for the Liberty Seated Collectors Club. At least seven members of the club attended the TNA Show in Houston.

Club member Gary Hill became the TNA 2nd Vice President, and Russell Prinzinger Governor of District I. Mike Grant and Fred Gowdy received Presidential Medals, and Mike was voted into the TNA Hall of Fame. Gary Hill took Best of Show for his exhibit of "Philippine Military Currency". The club has an ongoing educational program: red books in schools, collector kits in stock with video tapes and speakers available to talk in schools and libraries. The club has made a policy of cash only for items purchased in the auctions. Brownie Troop #2431 sent a card thanking the club for the presentation on coin collecting.

The program for August was on the "1893 Columbian Exposition" by Gary Hill. There were 34 members and guests present at this meeting. The September program will be on "Numismatic Literature and Research" by Tim Lobstein. The October meeting will feature a bourse night. The club coin show is Nov. 1&2 at the Green Oaks Inn.

The Fort Worth Coin Club meets the 1st Thursday of each month at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens, at 7:00pm.

--Bob Millard, Treasurer; Russell Prinzinger, Dist. Governor

DISTRICT III

Key City Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

There were 18 members and guests present at the July 3rd meeting. There was a discussion on how to make the club more informal and draw more members. The show will be Oct. 11th with at least 40 dealers. The table costs are only \$35.00 and \$10 for extra tables. Ron Pippens gave a report on shows that he has attended and on dealers in Arizona trying to make the hobby more professional, and what is wrong with the hobby. It seems that most dealers do not like the MS grading and would like to go back to the original grading system. Tom Copeland gave a report on Mercury dimes.

At the Aug. 7th meeting there were 22 members and guest present. Bob Kirkley gave a report on the TNA News listing the show dates and meeting reports. Mary Lon reported on the security for the show in Oct. The club received a flyer from the Alamo CC on their shows Aug. 30th and Dec. 6th. Ron Pippens gave a report on two shows he attended, one in Louisiana, and one in Amarillo. The Amarillo show was the best. Tom Copeland gave the program on "Grading and Cleaning Coins".

The Key City Coin Club meets the 1st Thursday of each month at the Rose Park Senior Citizens Bldg. Abilene.

--Bob Kirkley, Secretary/Treasurer

San Angelo Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

At the June meeting the attendance has fallen off and members are trying to find ways to get more people to attend meetings. The Coin and Stamp show will be held at the mall the last weekend in Sept. The members have been invited by the Abilene CC to attend their meetings.

The members need to approve the purchase of items for door prizes and drawings. Members are invited to bring an item to the meetings.

There were three new members and one visitor at the June meeting. Almost half of the members come from outside San Angelo; they drive in from Brady, Abilene, Anson, Clyde, and Sweetwater. Five tables are already sold for the upcoming show. The ad in *Coin World* ran in the August 4th issue for the show.

Two new members signed up at the August meeting. Ten tables have been sold for the upcoming show. The club members mourn the loss of Joe Prince, a true friend and colleague. The club has a few young numismatists that are excited about the show and saving their money.

The club members mourn the loss of our friend and colleague Joe Prince. He possessed a true love of numismatics and collectors, a great guy, whose friendship was so dear to this generation of coin collectors; his passing will leave an immense void in our lives. "San Angelo Coin Club"

The San Angelo Coin Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month, at La Casa Blanca Restaurant, at 7:00pm.

--Luis F. Reyes

DISTRICT IV

Williamson County Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The July 3rd meeting was attended by nine members. The short snorter was a 10 centavos bill from Nicaragua. President Kammer opened the floor to nominations for secretary. Mr. Meyer volunteered, and was unanimously passed. It was also decided that an ad would be placed in the Williamson County Sun about the August meeting. President Kammer gave a mini program on the "Mexican States Coppers". Some items brought to the meeting included a bond catalog, political buttons, proof sets from various countries, the Waco Coin Club token set. Mr. and Mrs. Kammer were the designers of these medals.

--Erin Davis, Club Secretary

DISTRICT V

Dallas Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)



There were 26 members and guests present at the July 17th meeting. Vice President Gary Hill called the meeting to order. A number of the club members received awards at the TNA convention in June. Benny Bolin received the TNA Literary award, Gary Hill received a number of awards including First Place and Best of Show for his exhibits at the show. Mike Grant received the TNA Hall of Fame Award; there are three other members of the Dallas Coin Club in the TNA Hall of Fame, Bill Corbin, Tom Baine, and Bob Wallace.

Bob Brinkerman sent penny boards to Gary Andrews to be given out to young numismatists. The club mailed out 206 letters to people that attended the recent show and invited them to come to the meetings, these are people that expressed an interest in the club. A number of the members have been trying to find out what will happen to the old B. Max Mehl building and if anything can be done to save it or the facade. Ann Howell gave penny boards to the scouts. The program was given by Gary Hill on the ANA grading course, this is part two of his lecture.

The Dallas Coin Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Dallas International Center (Preston Center) in Dallas, at 7:30pm.

--Mike Grant, Secretary/Treasurer

Collin County Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The semi-annual coin show will be Sept. 24th at the Steak Country Restaurant in McKinney. The club is offering dealers tables for \$50 and 10% off any additional tables. Advertising has been done with area newspapers, flyers, direct mail, local coin clubs, and numismatic publications.

The Collin County Coin Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at Steak Country in McKinney, at 7:30pm.

--Jim Ranes, Club Secretary

DISTRICT VI

Bellaire Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)



Twenty-five members and guests attended the August 4th meeting. The club is currently looking for a new treasurer. President Jim Bevill thanked the people that volunteered to help at the show. He also reread the eulogy that Randy Scofield gave during Joe Wells' funeral. Jim Klodosky was nominated as treasurer. The program was given by Jim Bevill on "Commemorative Coins."

At the Aug. 18th meeting there were 35 members and guests. Jim Bevill gave details from the Bellaire Coin show. Clark Samuelson donated the book - National Bank Notes to the club. Club members voted Jim Klodosky in as treasurer. A donation was given to Boy Scout Troop 266 in the name of Joe Wells. The Aldine School District plans to create a young numismatists club. The program was on "1974 Liberty Cap Large Cents Varieties" given by Louis Whitaker.

In memory of Joseph T. Wells III

From The Bellaire Coin Club

The Bellaire Coin Club recently announced the death of its longtime Treasurer Joseph T. Wells III, who passed away on July 26, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 58 years old. Joe was a graduate of Rice University and also a successful businessman who began his career with the accounting firm of Arthur Anderson and later co-founded Wells & Bedard, P.C., a Houston, Texas based CPA firm.

Joe had served as treasurer of the Bellaire Com Club for some 26 years, while taking only a short absence from the position to serve as the club's President for two of those years. Joe loved encouraging kids to become interested in coins and always had a supply of mercury dimes or silver quarters on hand to give young numismatists in change when youth members bought items at the club's auctions. For Joe, one of life's greatest pleasures was to see a Kid's face light up with a smile. He was also a firm supporter of the Bellaire Com Club's recent efforts to promote and encourage the advancement of numismatics in the community, through donations of numismatic books, coin collector kits, and the sponsoring of financial support for young numismatist programs in the area.

As it happened, Joe passed away exactly one week before the club's 32nd annual Bellaire Com Show which was held in the Houston area, August 2-3. Immediately before the show began, Joe's passing was announced to all the dealers and support people in the room, and the show was dedicated to the memory of Mr. Joe Wells and Mr. A. J. Lanier, another life member and past President of the club who had died earlier in the year. It was noted that Joe and A. J. had been the best of friends. The room then observed one minute of silent prayer before the doors were opened to the general public. The 42 table show was quite successful, with over 1000 people estimated to be in attendance. In addition, over 190 area youths participated in the club's three "Children's Auctions" which were held in conjunction with the show as a way to encourage an interest in coin collecting throughout the community. Joe would have been very proud.

In recognition of Joe's accomplishments, the club will make a donation in his name to Boy Scout Troop 266, of the San Houston Area Council, from which Joe attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Members of the club will also visit the troop to showcase the coin collecting hobby with the current generation of Boy Scouts. It is said that old legends die hard, and the memory of Joe Wells will live forever in the hearts of the Bellaire Com Club.

Jim Bevil - President

The Bellaire Com Club meets the first and third Mondays of each month at the Bellaire Library at 7:00pm.

--Michael Wolford, Club Editor



Clements Coin Club, (The C-Cubed)

The club members have been on summer vacation and will return to school in the fall.

The Clements Coin Club is our young numismatists club from Clements High School in Sugarland, Texas, also the largest YN Com Club in the Country.

--Sini Jacob, Club Secretary

Greater Houston Coin Club, (Double Shift)

Fourteen members attended the July 17th meeting. A J. Fickessen reported that the figures for the 1997 Money Show were not finalized, but preliminary figures indicate the show was a success and did about the same as last year. The Rice Belt Coin Club invited the members to attend their show on Sept. 13th. The club discussed changing the club meeting location. The subject of rent at the present location was brought up, and it was decided that for the same money the club could provide buffet dinner for the members with free use of the restaurant that is chosen. There was discussion on making programs more attractive and improve attendance at the meetings. A request was made to help the Bellaire Coin Club set up their Money Show.

The Greater Houston Coin Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at the Buffet Express, at 7:30pm.

--Stan Garczynski, Vice President

Pasadena Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The June 9th meeting had 51 members and guests present. A number of Y N's received coins from the Pasadena club's Coins for A's program. Six individuals donated coins to this program for the youngsters. Louis Whitaker gave a presentation on "Large Cents". There were 8 prize winners and two that won either cash or dinner. The Pasadena Coin Show is Nov. 21-23. Volunteers are needed to help in most areas. August 25th is the summer pot luck dinner, and prizes will consist of 2 gold coins and 30 silver dollars.

Forty-six members and guests attended the June 23rd meeting. The club voted to spend \$300 for bingo prizes for the August pot luck dinner. Mike Anderson spoke about his recent trip to the ANA headquarters in Colorado Springs. The club sent Harry Callender a potted plant.

The July 14th meeting presentation on "Counterfeiting" was postponed until October. A petition was passed around to all members to sign in favor of Minting Commemorative Coins. Bud Holton spoke on his experience as a beginning collector. The club voted to pay for the members dinners at the Aug. 25th pot luck dinner. There were a total of ten prize winners.

At the July 28th meeting one of the Y N's showed a report card with four A's on it.

The Pasadena Coin Club meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at the Golden Corral Restaurant at 7:00pm.

--Annette Bing, Club Secretary

DISTRICT VII

Alamo Coin Club, (The Alamo News)



There were 20 members and guests present at the June 12th meeting. President Wayne G. was asked by the members to cast the club vote for ANA officers.

A nominating committee was appointed to give nominations for club officers at the June 26th meeting. The program was an ANA slide program showing common, and not so common error coins. Some of the items brought to the meeting were: a 1965 Honduras uncirculated set, a 1962 Mexican silver medal commemorating the 1862 Cinco de Mayo 100th anniversary, an uncirculated large \$20 "technicolor" Gold Certificate of 1905, a Canadian platinum Maple Leaf, some Philippine WWII guerilla currency, a 1997 Prestige set, and two 16 bull uncut sheets, of \$1 & \$2 denominations.

At the June 26th meeting there were 22 members and guests. All the tables for the show have been sold. All officers except the President will remain in office for another term. At the TNA convention the Alamo Coin Club won the Club Publication Award. Items brought to the meeting include: a 1913 Type 1 UNC Buffalo Nickel, a 1964 Kennedy Half with double die obverse, 1916 Mexican Revolutionary 10 centavos from Tenancingo, KM690 2 with dot in C on reverse.

Twenty-two members and guests attended the July 10th meeting. Harold reported on the tables sold for the Aug. 30 show. There was a discussion on the probability of a show Thanksgiving weekend 1998. This was moved to Nov. 14th 1998. The summer show will be Aug. 28, 1998 with at least 40 tables. The club voted on Ed Rochette's letter that the Olympic coin program should be limited to one coin per year. The entire nomination slate was elected by acclamation. The club decided to look into incorporation and will look at this after the officers are installed at the next meeting. Some items brought to this meeting include a Katanga Cross, a 25cent token from Missouri Mercantile Co. of Arkansas, a number of new coins from other countries.

At the July 24th meeting there were thirty members and guests present. Bill M. is writing an article on collector libraries and wants the members to list their reference books. Frank Galindo performed the installation of the officers and then gave everyone a 1997 TNA medal. Some unusual items brought to the meeting include: a buffalo nickel with a Japanese one Yen inserted into the face, a 1588 Demigross of Henry III of France, a 1997 Canadian 10th Anniversary Loon Dollar, a 25th Anniversary Hockey Dollar, and four 1997 US dimes with the D doubled, a Jefferson nickel with a die crack, and a Bronze coin of King Diodotos of Greek Syria 139-138 BC.

The Alamo Coin Club meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at the Maverick Cafe at 7:00pm.

--Harold Eiserloh, Club Editor



Gateway Coin Club, (The Gatepost)

At the May 1st meeting there were 26 members and guests present. Karla Galindo reported on the numismatic theme postcards to be used to publicize the club's coin show, and read a thank you note from Miriam Gilmore.

Some items shown at the meeting include a 1996 Republic of Liberia \$50 coin, two 1916 ration items for bread and flour printed in German and Polish, San Antonio 1997 Rey Fco medals, a 1909 Hudson Hall Voom medal from NY, and a 1953 five dollar star note.

The May 15th meeting started with 28 members and guests. Bill Murry gave the educational program on "Fun of Collecting Modern Tokens". Some items brought to the meeting are a 1731-1931 Bicentennial medal commemorating the founding of municipal government and missions, a 1938 double die buffalo nickel, a Rivera club token, a Quannah Parker medal, a tri-shaped three real from Cinacao.

Twenty-six members and guests attended the Jun 5th meeting. A sympathy card was sent to Eleanor Kennedy, wife of Mac Kennedy, former Gateway Coin Club member and past President of the FNA. Some items brought to the meeting include a 1985 100 peso soccer coin from Mexico, a 1938 D over D penny and a 1901 Indian Head penny with a double reverse, a one shu coin from Emperor Mueen 1860-1866, and one from emperor Meiji 1867-1869, another coin from emperor Meiro 54-68 AD, a minted 1831 capped bust half dime.

The June 19th meeting had 26 members and guests present. David Johnson gave the educational program on "The History of Panamanian Coins". Items brought to this meeting include, 1984 Miss Texas Army National Guard fiesta medal, a 1994 Gibraltar crown, a one dollar copper token from Pope's Dept. store of Granger, TX, a \$1 token from Psemck's Brothers Merchandise of Smithville, TX, 1941 ten yuan Chinese error notes.

The Gateway Coin Club and Numismatics has lost a friend with the passing of Doc Grover. Doc will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Earl "Doc" Grover Jr. 1923-1997.

The Gateway Coin Club meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, at Shoney's Restaurant, at 7:00pm.

--Frank Galindo, Club President

DISTRICT VIII

Corpus Christi Coin club, (Club Newsletter)

At the May 20th meeting there were 12 members present. David Wazel, Don Bryan and Rick Roberson all won raffle prizes. Dennis Woolsey won the door prize.

The club planed a book auction on June 17th but due to bad weather and poor attendance it was canceled. The club will hold a silent auction at the show in October. There were 9 members attending this meeting. Ralph Walters won the door prize. The TNA is looking for a new location for the mid year meeting and Corpus Christi is one of the locations. Six tables have been sold to the show in Oct.

The club should have a web page soon. the address will be <http://www2.interconnect.net/cat/com>

The Corpus Christi Coin Club meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month, in the Sunrise Room of the Sunrise Mall, at 7:00pm

--Martha & David Burke

DISTRICT IX

South Plains Coin Club, (Club Meeting Report Form)



The June 2nd meeting was the annual trade night and 34 members attended with 8 tables set up. Lamonte Pitzer invited everybody to attend the TNA convention in Houston. July 7th will be the annual hot dog bash. There will be a contest at the next meeting.

The annual hot dog supper started with 55 members and guests present. Lamonte Pitzer reported on the TNA convention, the board of governors discussed a new site for the mid winter show and are looking for a five year commitment. Available space on the TNA internet page for dealers was discussed by the board. The TNA is also considering adopting the ANA exhibit rules. Herman Jacobs reminded everyone of the upcoming Amarillo coin show. The ANA summer seminar was talked about. Hanson Ling gave the program on "Numismatic Terms". Those attending the ANA summer conference were Dick Rice and Ken Wendling who have completed the advanced grading classes.

Thirty-two members attended the Aug. 4th meeting. Lamonte Pitzer told everyone about the Coin's For A's program and gave the new address to write to. Sharon told everyone that Jr. members may join the TNA for just \$5 per year and Lamonte gave a list of the benefits. Gary Oakley gave the program on "Mexican Coins".

The South Plains Coin Club meets the 1st Monday of each month at 7:30pm in Lubbock.

--Lamonte Pitzer, District IX Governor

DISTRICT XI

Golden Spread Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)



The June 2nd meeting had 22 members and guests present. Corporal Cherry from the police dept. gave the program on "Safety Pointers at Home & On the Road". The ANA sent the club an election ballot, and the BEP sent some info. Lists were passed around for everyone to sign up to help at the upcoming show. Some items brought to the meeting include 1997 TNA Medal set, Lindberg bronze medal, large and small bronze medals of John F. Kennedy, Amarillo Helium Medals, a Singapore 1977 Crown.

The July meeting was on the planning of the coin show in Aug. The program by David Cass was on "Coins In & On Jewelry". People that were going to bring food for the show are requested to be there by 6:00pm.

The Texas Gum Show is at the same time as the Com Show. The nominating committee will be looking for new officers. The TNA show next year will be May 28-30.

August 4th meeting takes place right after the show. RL "Tommy" Tompkins gave the program on his trip to the ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs. The Sept. meeting will be on Sept. 8th not the 1st because it is Labor Day. The program for Sept. will be given by Mike Ekland on "Baseball Cards and Comic Books". Items brought to the meeting include a miniature tram set made of crystal. Ken Horn gave a report on the TNA. The Coins for A's program will be handled by Jim and Barbara Medford. The storage place for the club's cases and records had a leak and water ruined a number of items. A number of the cases will have to be repaired. The club voted to store the cases in a building in another part of the city. Show report, the dealers like the smaller room. The show went well with most dealers and the club made a profit. Nela reported that due to poor health she will step down as show chairman and will finish out the year as secretary but will not be able to serve next year.

The Golden Spread Com Club meets the first Monday of each month, in the Presidents room of NationsBank in Amarillo, at 7:00pm.

--Nela Runkle, Editor



DISTRICT XIII

Wichita Falls-Red River Stamp & Coin club, (Club Newsletter)

The July program by Ray Whyborn is on "Paper Money" he will talk on some of his knowledge and include some about Web Notes. At the August meeting Robbie Robinson will speak on "Nickels". The TNA Coins for A's program has been taken over by Jim and Barbara Medford. Roy Bosling won the door prize, a Liberty head nickel collection.

The Wichita Falls-Red River Stamp & Coin club meets the 4th Thurs. of each month at the Beverly Dr. United Methodist Church, at 7:30pm.

--Raymond E. Whyborn, Secretary

DISTRICT XV

Beaumont Coin Club, (My Two Bits)

The June 19th meeting had 15 members present. Jack Provost and Bill Stem gave reports on the status of the Fall show. Over a dozen dealers have signed up. Jerry Williams reported on the TNA meeting in Houston. The show will be in Houston for the next four years. Jerry was elected TNA Vice President and Barbara Edwards was elected District Governor. The club formed an appreciation committee and will present the Lower Neches Valley Authority with a basket filled with goodies to show the club's appreciation for letting the club use the facility free of charge. Jack Provost presented the program on "Cameo Proofs".

There were 15 members and guests present at the July meeting. Judy and Bill returned from the ANA summer conference. The show will be on August 21st. Jack Provost reported that sixteen tables have been sold. The Orange CC will hold their next show March 14 & 15. With the price of silver down the club voted to purchase another roll of silver rounds for door prizes. Libby Scholm gave the program on "Saint Gauden Twenty Dollar Gold Piece".

The Beaumont Coin Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Lower Neches Valley Authority Admin. Building, at 7:00pm.

-- Bill Stein, Club Secretary

Greater Orange Coin Club, (The Double Eagle)

The June meeting the topic of discussion was the 1998 Spring Show. At the July meeting the club will select an organizing committee. The members discussed the club logo contest, the final date for entries is Aug. 14th. The program was the video on "The Money Story" by the US Mint. This issue also has the beginning of United States Coinage Part 3.

At the July meeting there were 10 members and guests. The club members will have the opportunity to pick the club logo at the Aug. meeting. Barbara Edwards will give the program on "Civil War Tokens" at the Aug. meeting. In this issue there is an interesting article on the purchasing power of our money over the last 175 years.

The Greater Orange Coin Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Thomem Community Center in Orange, at 7:00pm.

--Charles Cagle, Club Secretary

Greater Port Arthur Coin Club, (Dollars and Cents)



At the June meeting there were 16 members and guests present. The program was given by Michael & Sally Gannaway on "Playing Cards" of which this couple has 2800 decks, dating back to the 15th century. James McManus gave a presentation on a trip to Canada, and Canadian currency. Joe and Betty Scott gave a presentation on a trip to Houston and tour of the Russian Diamond Depository. Judy and Ray obtained several Penny Boards from the PNG, to be given to junior members. Jerry Williams informed everyone of the upcoming TNA convention. Jerry is running for Vice President and Barbara Edwards is running for District Governor of the TNA. There was no July meeting.

The Aug. meeting had 16 members and guests present. Bill Stein gave the program on "The Preservation of Coins". Videos from the ANA have been received and will be distributed to the schools libraries in the area. Joe Scott gave a report on a book titled "Money Makers", giving all the worldwide aspects of making paper money. The coin show is scheduled for Sept. 27-28.

The Greater Port Arthur Coin Club meets on the 1st Thurs. of each month at the County Clinic in Port Arthur, at 7:00pm.

--Ray Gannaway, Club Secretary

Silsbee Coin Club, (The Liberty Bell)

The newsletter starts out with the annual super convention to be held Aug. 26th. The Bellaire CC will host a coin show Aug. 23. Tentative plans are set for the Beaumont Coin Show on Aug. 9th. The Orange CC will hold a show March 14-15, 1998. There is also an article on the Louis E Hasberg Sr. coin collection.

The Silsbee Coin Club meets the last Tuesday of each month at the Entergy Building at 7:00pm.

--Ruben Lopez, Club Secretary

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